

July 26, 2010

Preston Black, Director
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Indiana State Department of Health
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Dear Mr. Black:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 09-810, proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). The proposed rule amends 410 IAC 1-4 to update and modify general precautions to incorporate best health care practices in order to provide greater protections to the public.

There is not sufficient data to specify the exact number of small businesses that may be impacted by the rule. ISDH estimates that there are up to 300,000 individual and 20,000 facilities involved in the provision of services that may involve contact with blood or other bodily fluids, and would thus be subject to the proposed rule. The economic impact statement prepared by the ISDH indicates that the proposed rule will not impose any new reporting, administrative, or financial costs associated with the proposed rule.

The IEDC does not object to the associated economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. The ISDH has indicated that the proposed rule does not impose an adverse economic impact on small businesses and provides updated guidance documents based on industry best practices. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,



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